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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE IN
ATHENS

BEIRUT AND FRANKFURT FOR RTC AND RSS

1. SY HAS APPROACHED NEA AND EUR BUREAUS ON POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE IN ATHENS.

2. TECHNICAL SECURITY SERVICES FOR GREECE, TURKEY, AND
NICOSIA ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY RTC BEIRUT. UNDER BUREAU
REALIGNMENTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1, TECHNICAL SECURITY
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THOSE AREAS WILL SHIFT TO RTC
FRANKFURT.

3. DUE TO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN GREECE, TURKEY AND NICOSIA,
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POSTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES HAVE REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE

SERVICES FROM RTC BEIRUT. CLOSE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION MADE RAPID RESPONSE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS POSSIBLE.

4. WITH RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTED TO RTC FRANKFURT, SY IS CONCERNED THAT RESPONSE TIMES TO EMERGENCY REQUESTS FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WILL BE APPRECIABLY LENGTHENED.

5. IN VIEW OF THIS, SY HAS PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE IN ATHENS TO ASSUME ALL TECHNICAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GREECE, TURKEY, NICOSIA, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND BULGARIA. SY PROPOSES TO STAFF THIS OFFICE WITH TWO TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS (TSO) AND ONE SEABEE IN ADDITION TO THE SEABEE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR ATHENS. BOTH CBS WOULD HAVE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES ALONG WITH TSOS. TECHNICAL OFFICE COULD SHARE SERVICES OF RSO SECRETARY.

6. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TSO OFFICE AND LABORATORY WILL REQUIRE FOLLOWING SPACE: 600 SQ. FT. FOR OFFICES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A 400 SQ. FT. LABORATORY IN A SECURE AREA. LABORATORY WILL STORE CLASSIFIED SECURITY EQUIPMENT. ALSO REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 250 SQ. FT. OF PROTECTED THOUGH NOT CLASSIFIED AREA FOR STORAGE OF TECHNICAL SECURITY SUPPLIES SUCH AS ALARMS, CCTVS, ETC.

7. SY ESTIMATES THAT FIRST TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER COULD ARRIVE ATHENS APPROXIMATELY 1 SEPTEMBER WITH SECOND OFFICER TO ARRIVE BEFORE 1 JANUARY 1975. SECOND ATHENS SEABEE TO ARRIVE MID FY 75.

8. POST REQUESTED ADVISE BUREAUS AND SY CONCERNING VIEWS RE ESTABLISHMENT THIS OFFICE. IF PROPOSAL MEETS POST APPROVAL, TSO WILL VISIT POST SHORTLY TO MAKE PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING OFFICE. KISSINGER

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